

EAST CARROLL



PARISH

“...the health of a community is a shared responsibility of many entities, organizations and interests in the community, including health services delivery organizations, public health agencies, other public and private entities and the people of a community.”

– Institute of Medicine. 1996. *Healthy Communities: New Partnerships for the Future of Public Health*. National Academy Press. p. 12



East Carroll Parish

Tourist Information

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History¹

The northeasternmost parish, bordering the Mississippi River, is East Carroll. The Carroll parishes, East and West, were formed in 1877 by division of the original Carroll (named after Charles Carroll of Carrollton, famous signer of the Declaration of Independence) established in 1832. East Carroll was officially organized on May 11, 1877. The area was thickly settled by English, Scotch, and Irish pioneers from the Carolinas, Georgia, and Tennessee.

Culture and Recreation³

The major recreational resources available for residents and visitors to East Carroll Parish are hunting, fishing, and parks. Poverty Point borders the parish, offering camping and picnicking facilities. The Tensas Basin Park located at the Basin of the Tensas River offers boating and other recreational activities. Each June, East Carroll Parish hosts the Louisiana Soul Food and Heritage Festival. This festival offers the visitor an intimate look at the rural base for Louisiana. Music, authentic soul food, and storytellers telling the tales of the old ways are just some of the treats in store at this special celebration.

Parish Seat¹ Lake Providence¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

Lake Providence
1990 5,380
1997 (estimate) 5,379

Parish Population²

1990 9,709
1997 (estimate) 9,239

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White	33%
African American	67%
Other	0%
Male	47%
Female	53%
Population age 0-4	9%
Population age 65 & over	14%

Geography and Statistics²

Average elevation	106 ft.
Land area in square miles	421.5
Water area in square miles ⁴	21.0

Climate²

Average temperatures

Annual	65°
January	45°
July	83°
Annual average rainfall	65.7 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

Civilian	3,420
Employed	2,860
Unemployed	560
Unemployment	16.3%

Agriculture¹

Forestry

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute)

None

Public Libraries⁵ 1*References*

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Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	8.9%
High school graduate or higher	49.1%
Some college or higher	24.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	10.3%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²**Private Employers**

Cypress Manor Care Center (Elderly care)	85
Terral-Norris Seed Company, Inc. (Soybean Seed Bean)	40
Jong's Super Valu (Groceries)	35

Public Employers

East Carroll Parish School Board (Education)	284
East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office (Government)	85
East Carroll Parish Hospital (Medical)	35

Poverty and Income

Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	48.6%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	62.0%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$13,953



⁸ U.S. Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration. 1999. keywords: economics and statistical administration <http://www.doc.gov>.

**Region 1**

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermillion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon
Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington